

In the Claims

Please rewrite the claims as follows. All pending claims are provided below, whether amended or not according to the "Revised Format of Amendments" mailed by the PTO on 2/13/03.

1. (Currently amended) A disc drive comprising:

a housing having a first component;

an actuator having ~~a wall defining~~ a cavity; and

a pivot ~~in the cavity, the pivot~~ comprising:

a first member positioned within the cavity and coupled to the

~~wall~~ actuator, the first member having at least one external surface;

a second member mounted to the first housing component; and

at least two leaves, each leaf joining one of the external surfaces to the

second member, wherein the leaves are transversely disposed at an

angle to one another such that the actuator is pivotable with respect

to the housing about an axis.

2. (Original) The disc drive of claim 1 in which the cavity further comprises:

two end walls defining a recess in slidable engagement with the second member,

the two end walls serving to limit rotation of the actuator by coming into

abutment with the second member.

3. (Original) The disc drive of claim 1 in which the cavity further comprises:

a first recess shaped to locate the first member.

4. (Original) The disc drive of claim 1 further comprising:

a pair of washers secured to each one of the leaves, the washers of each pair

being spaced apart by substantially a same distance.

5. (Original) The disc drive of claim 1 in which the pivot has a center of rotation generally coincident with a center of mass of the actuator.

6. (Original) The disc drive of claim 5 in which each of the external surfaces is inclined towards the center of rotation.

7. (Original) The disc drive of claim 1, the housing further comprising:
a second component, the second member being coupled to the second housing component.

8. (Currently amended) An actuator configured for rotational movement about an axis, comprising:

an actuator body having a ~~wall defining a cavity~~; and

a pivot ~~in the cavity, the pivot comprising:~~

a first member positioned within the cavity and coupled to the

~~wall actuator, the first member having at least one external surface;~~

a second member positioned within the cavity and configured to be

mounted to a ~~first disc drive housing component~~; and

at least two leaves, each leaf joining ~~one of the external surfaces to the first~~

member to the second member, wherein the leaves are transversely

disposed at an angle to one another such that the actuator is

configured to be pivotable with respect to the ~~disc drive housing~~

about the axis.

9. (Original) The actuator of claim 8 in which the cavity further comprises:

two end walls defining a recess in slidable engagement with the second member,

the two end walls serving to limit rotation of the actuator by coming into

abutment with the second member.

10. (Original) The actuator of claim 8 in which the cavity further comprises:
a first recess shaped to locate the first member.
11. (Original) The actuator of claim 8 further comprising:
two washers secured to each one of the leaves, the two washers being spaced
apart by a same distance for all the leaves.
12. (Original) The actuator of claim 8 in which the pivot includes a center of rotation
generally coincident with a center of mass of the actuator.
13. (Original) The actuator of claim 12 in which each of the external surfaces is inclined
towards the center of rotation.
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14. (Currently amended) The actuator of claim 8 in which the second member is
configured to be mounted to a first and second ~~disc drive~~ housing components.

15. (Currently amended) A disc drive comprising:
a base;
an actuator configured for rotation relative to the ~~disc drive housing component~~
base about an axis of rotation; and
means for pivotably coupling the actuator to the ~~disc drive housing component~~
base.
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16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The disc drive of claim 15, in which the coupling means includes a center
of rotation generally coincidental with a center of mass of the actuator.

18. (Canceled)

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19. (Original) The disc drive of claim 15 in which the coupling means comprises:
a mounting element fixed to the base.

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20. (Original) The disc drive of claim 15 in which the coupling means comprises:
a mounting element fixed to the actuator within the cavity.